

# $\nu$ STORM AND LONG-BASELINE NEUTRINOS

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- there are some obvious synergies
- will focus on the unique information that  $\nu$ STORM can provide on  $\overline{\nu}_e$  and  $\overline{\nu}_\mu$  interaction cross sections as it relates to LBL physics



# Long-Baseline Neutrino Physics

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- there are some big questions we will be trying to answer by studying neutrino transitions across increasingly large distances

- measure  $\nu$  oscillation parameters more precisely & understand whether our  $3\nu$  picture is correct or not
- determine the  $\nu$  mass ordering
- discover whether  $\nu$ 's violate CP

} enabled now  
that we know  
 $\theta_{13}$  is non-zero

## accelerator based experiments:

- now: ICARUS, MINOS, OPERA, T2K
- soon: MINOS+, NOvA
- future: Hyper-K, **LBNE**, LBNO

$\nu_\mu$

$\nu_e ?$   
 $\nu_\tau$



# Oscillation Formula

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- in order to be sensitive to these effects (MH and  $\cancel{CP}$ ), LBL exps will be looking for the conversion of  $\nu_\mu$  to  $\nu_e$  (and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  to  $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) over large distances

$\theta_{13}$  is the “gate-keeper”

CP violating phase,  $\delta$

matter effects  
neutrino mass ordering

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \cong \sin^2 2\theta_{13} T_1 - \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} T_2 + \alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} T_3 + \alpha^2 T_4$$
$$T_1 = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2[(1-x_\nu)\Delta]}{(1-x_\nu)^2},$$
$$T_2 = \sin \delta \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \Delta \frac{\sin(x_\nu \Delta)}{x_\nu} \frac{\sin[(1-x_\nu)\Delta]}{(1-x_\nu)},$$
$$T_3 = \cos \delta \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos \Delta \frac{\sin(x_\nu \Delta)}{x_\nu} \frac{\sin[(1-x_\nu)\Delta]}{(1-x_\nu)},$$
$$T_4 = \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(x_\nu \Delta)}{x_\nu^2}.$$
$$\alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2 \sim 1/30$$
$$x_\nu \equiv \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m^2}$$

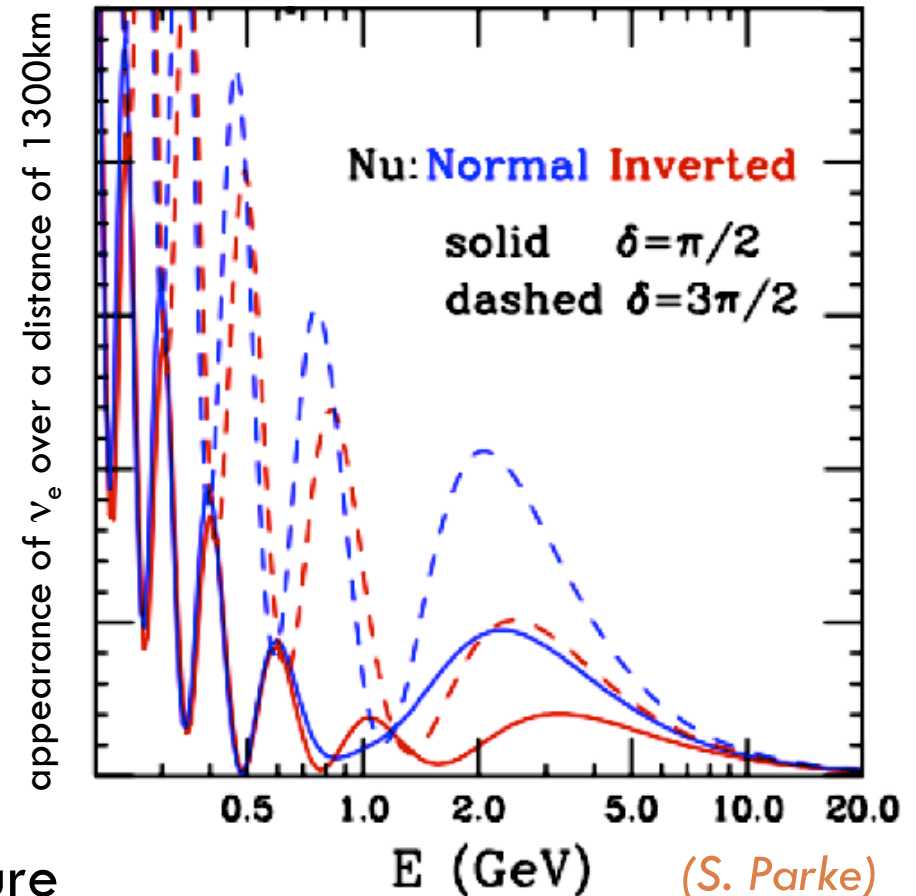


# How Do We Do This?

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- measure spectrum of  $\nu_e$  observed
- MH effect largest in 1<sup>st</sup> osc max  
 $\not{CP}$  effect largest in 2<sup>nd</sup> osc max
- need to probe a range of  $\nu$  E's to disentangle various effects
- examine for both neutrino and antineutrino scattering
- no longer trying to simply observe a signal, but want to actually measure distortions in both  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  due to mass ordering and  $\not{CP}$

in pictorial form:

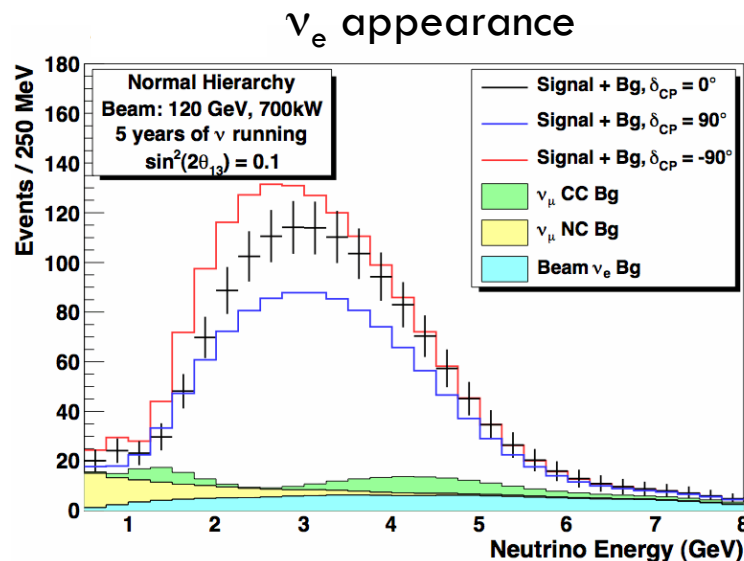




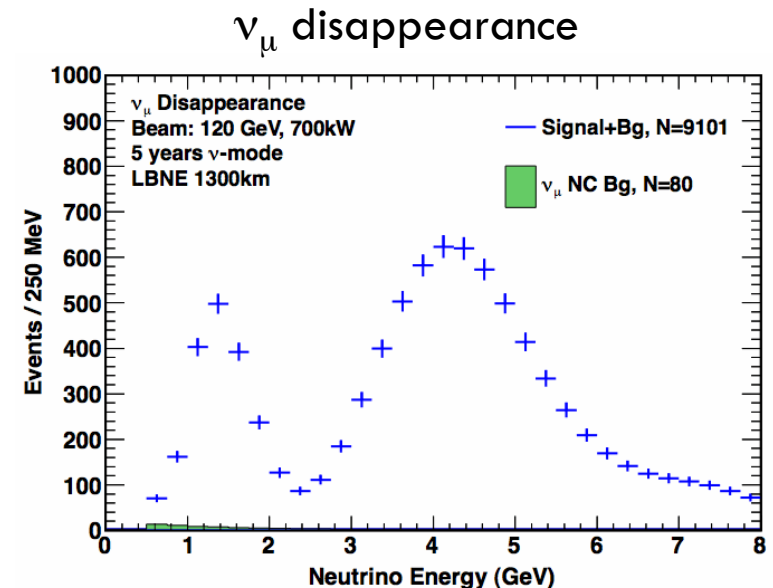
# Example: LBNE

(E. Worcester, Z. Isvan)

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examples  
of what signals  
might look like  
in a 34kton  
LAr TPC  
at 1300km



- goals:

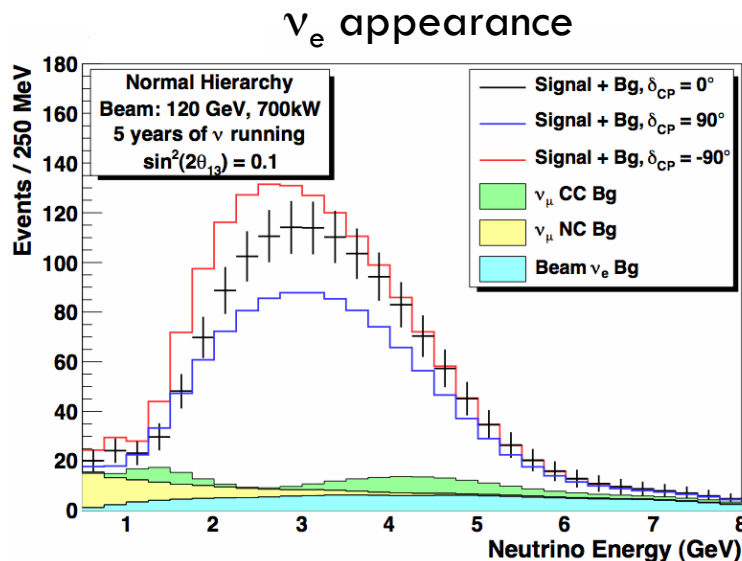
- measure full oscillation pattern in both channels, precisely constraining mixing angles, mass differences
- search for  $\mathcal{CP}$  both by measuring  $\delta_{CP}$  and by explicitly observing differences between  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  oscillations
- cleanly separate matter effects from CP-violating effects



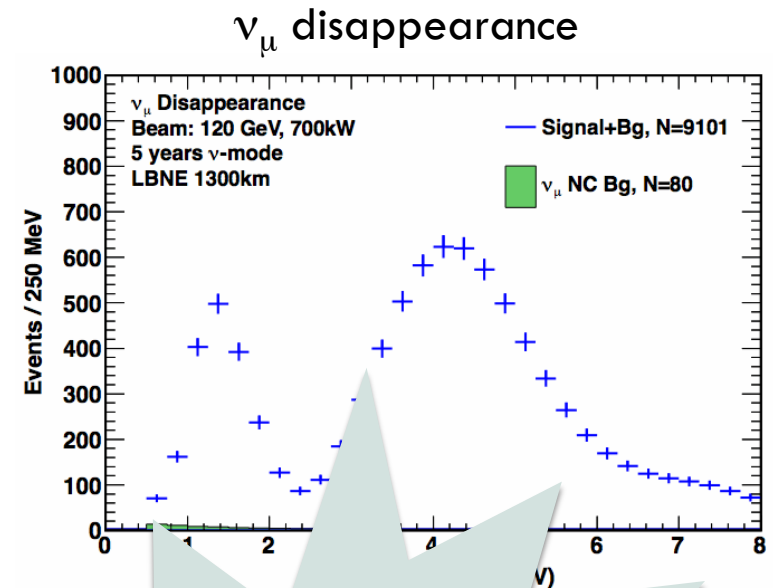
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- measure full oscillation pattern in both  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  modes, precisely constraining mixing angles,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$
- search for  $\mathcal{CP}$  both by measuring  $\delta_{CP}$  and by observing differences between  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  oscillation patterns
- cleanly separate matter effects from CP-violating effects

interested  
in energies from  
 $\sim 0.5$  to 6 GeV



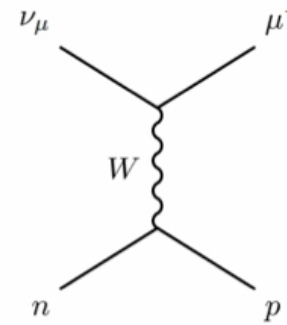
# Complicated Region

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(event samples contain contributions from multiple reaction mechanisms)

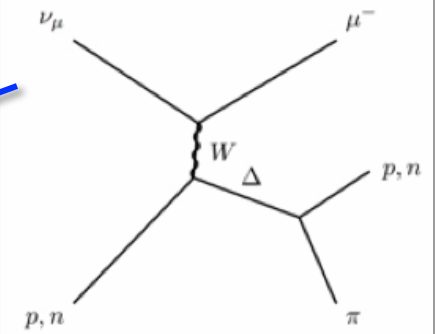
## CC Quasi-elastic

nucleon changes, but doesn't break up



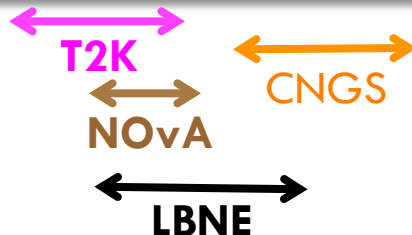
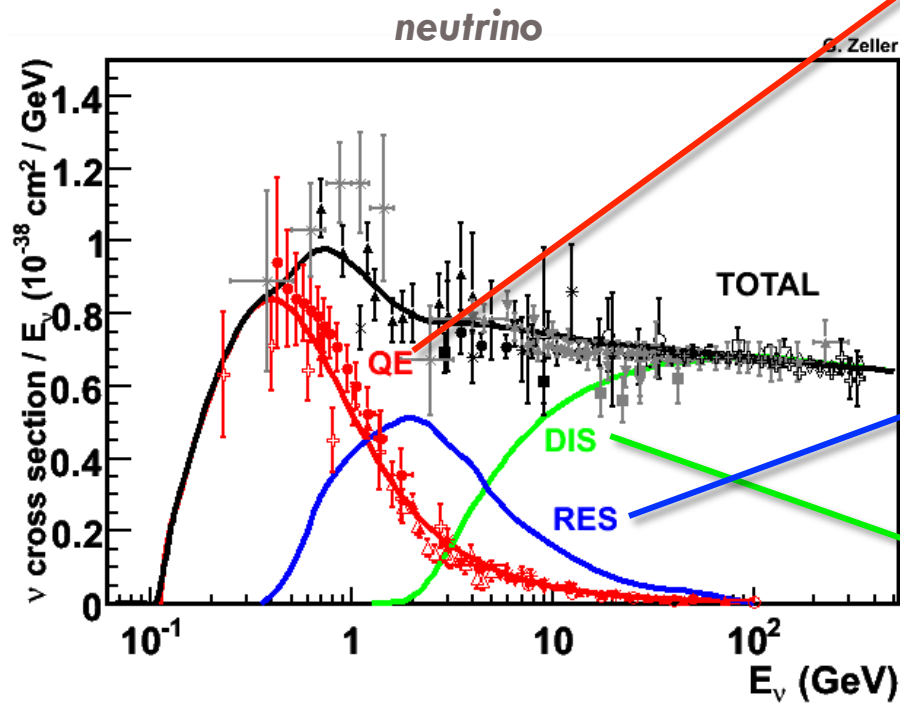
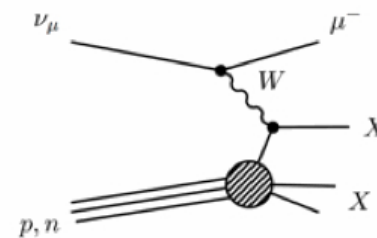
## CC Single pion

nucleon excites to resonance state



## CC Deep Inelastic

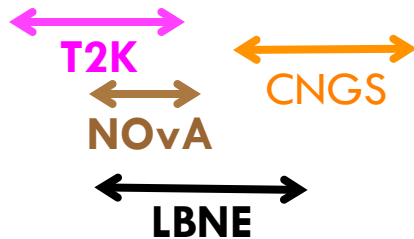
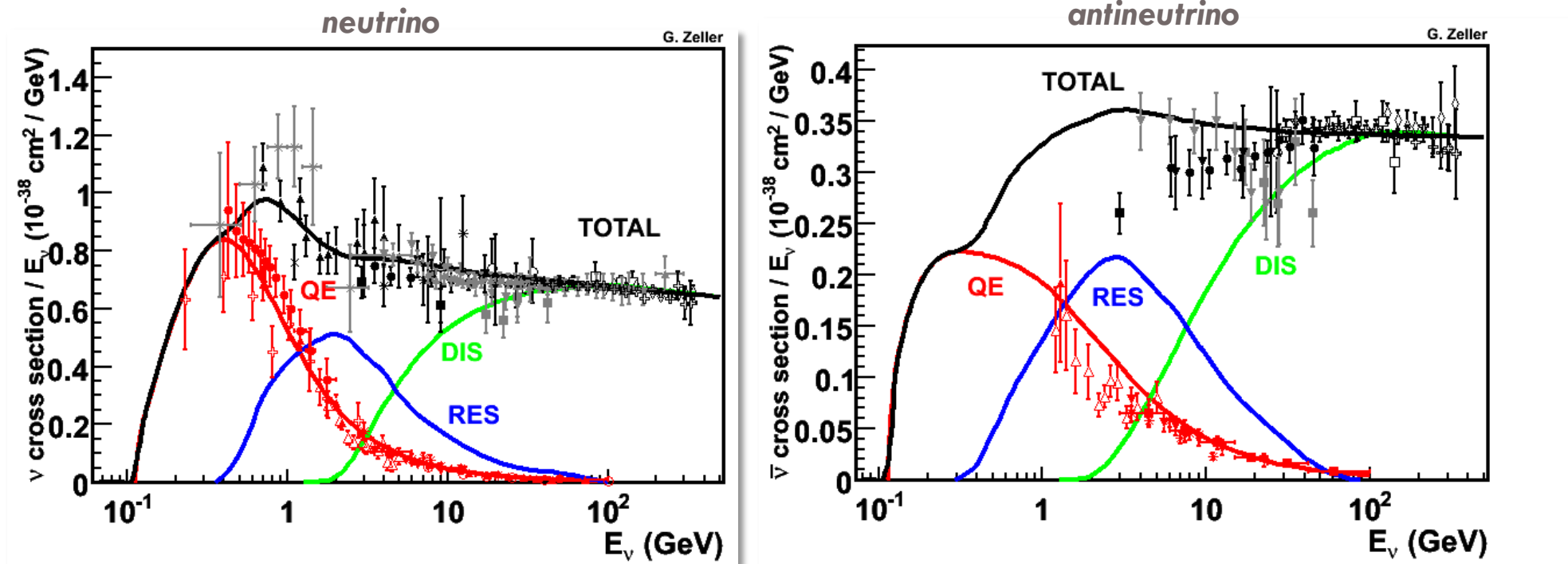
nucleon breaks up





# Current Knowledge

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- $\sigma_\nu$ 's are not particularly well-constrained in this region but situation has been improving (availability of much higher statistics data on nuclear targets!)

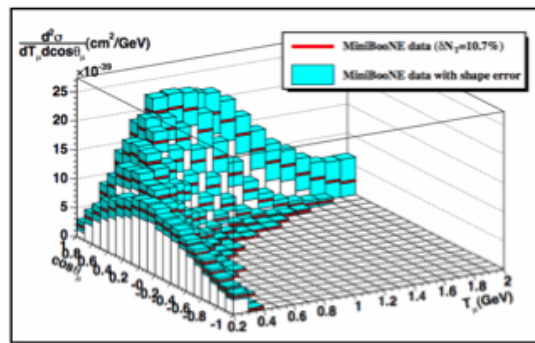




# MiniBooNE

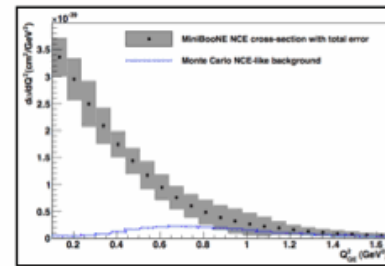
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- has made some of the 1<sup>st</sup> measurements of full kinematics for these reactions



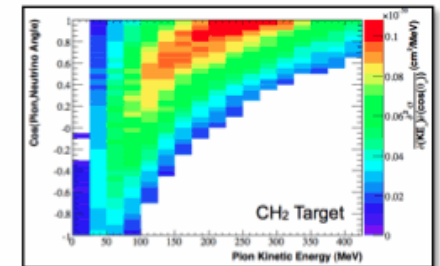
## *quasi-elastic scattering*

- Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 032301 (2008)  
- Phys. Rev. **D81**, 092005 (2010)



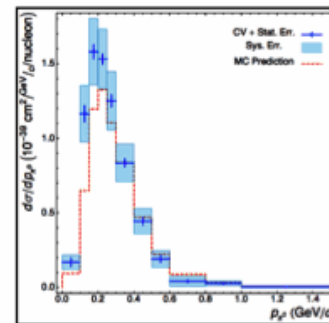
## *NC elastic scattering*

- Phys. Rev. **D82**, 902005 (2010)



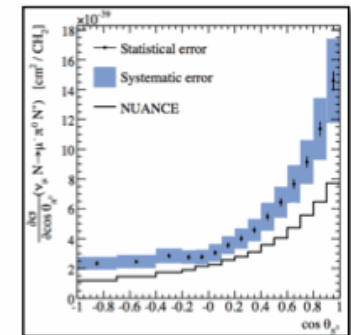
## *CC π<sup>+</sup> production*

- Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 081801 (2009)  
- Phys. Rev. **D83**, 052007 (2011)



## *NC π<sup>0</sup> production*

- Phys. Lett. **B664**, 41 (2008)  
- Phys. Rev. **D81**, 013005 (2010)



## *CC π<sup>0</sup> production*

- Phys. Rev. **D83**, 052009 (2011)

- also,  $\sigma_\nu$  measurements from ArgoNeuT, ICARUS, K2K, MINERvA, MINOS, NOMAD, NOvA ND, SciBooNE, T2K ND!

- want to pick one example to help motivate why  $\sigma_\nu$  are important



# QE Scattering

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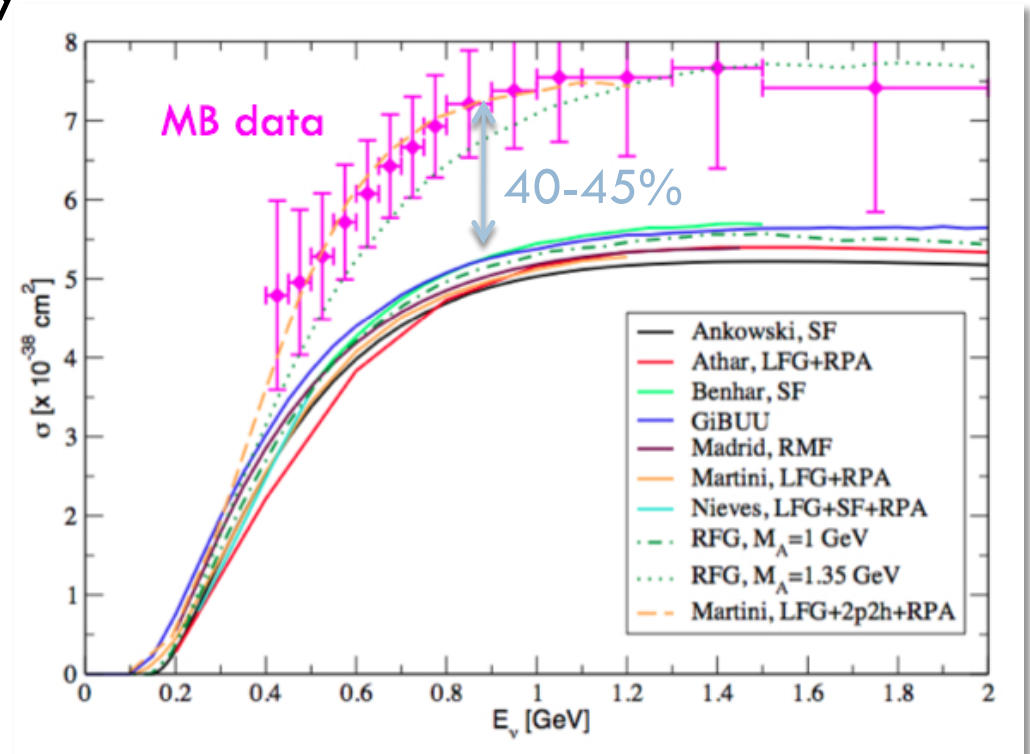
- QE scattering is just one example that we shouldn't assume that we know everything about  $\nu$  interaction cross sections
- plus, has been a hot topic lately

*MiniBooNE data is the 1<sup>st</sup> time have measured the  $\nu$  QE  $\sigma$  on a nuclear target below 2 GeV*

- $\sigma$ 's are appreciably larger than conventional approaches

*(increased QE rates also seen in K2K, MINOS, SciBooNE)*

- community has been working to understand these results



*(L. Alvarez-Ruso, NuFact11)*

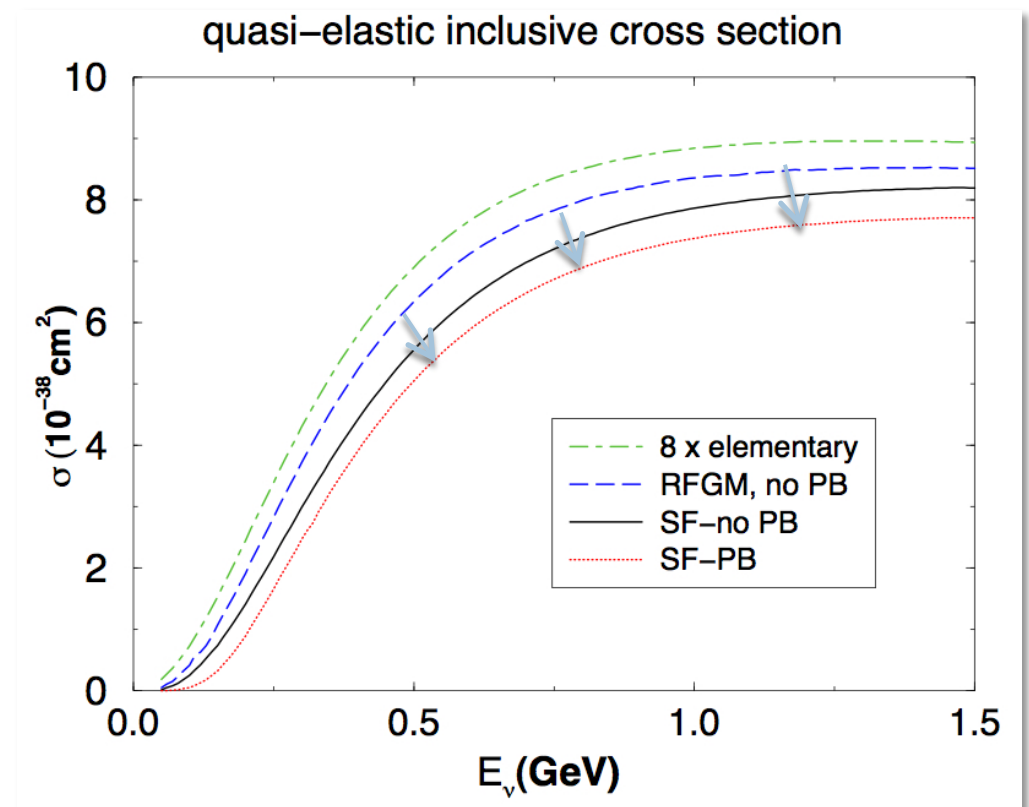


# QE Scattering

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- caused problems because has long been thought that nuclear effects decrease the  $\sigma$



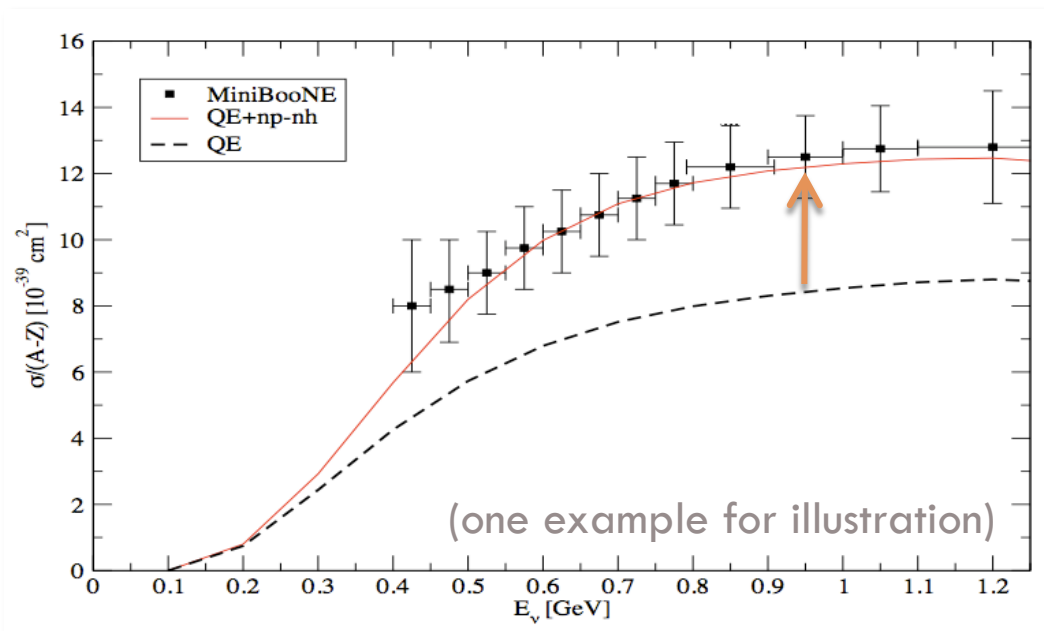
(O. Benhar, arXiv:0906.3144)



# “New” Source of Nuclear Effects?

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- while traditional nuclear effects decrease  $\sigma_\nu$ , it has been appreciated that there are processes that can increase the total yield



(Martini et al., arXiv:1202.4745)

- increased  $\sigma$  stemming from fact that the incoming  $\nu$  can interact with more than one nucleon in the target nucleus  
*(i.e., effects not included in the independent particle approaches we have been using for decades)*
- *has been known in  $e^-$  scattering*  
*Carlson et al., PRC 65, 024002 (2002)*



# What Does This All Mean?

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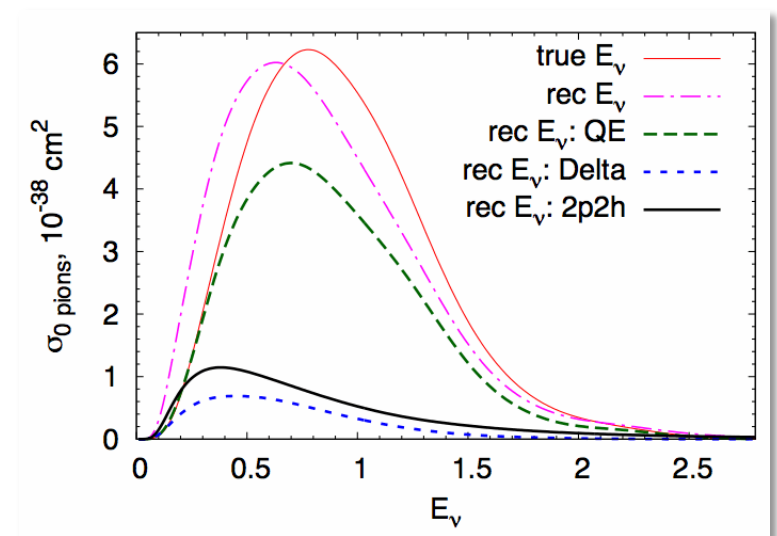
- in this one example, even something as simple as QE scattering isn't as simple as we thought
  - discovered a “new” source of nuclear effects that can significantly increase the  $\sigma$
  - idea that could be missing  $\sim 40\%$  of  $\sigma$  in our neutrino simulations is a big deal
- good news: expect larger event yields
- bad news: need to understand the underlying physics

## (1) impacts $E_\nu$ determination

ex: Mosel/Lalakulich 1204.2269, Martini et al. 1202.4745,  
Lalakulich et al. 1203.2935, Leitner/Mosel PRC81, 064614 (2010)

## (2) effects will be different for $\nu$ vs. $\bar{\nu}$ (at worse, could produce a spurious $\not{p}$ effect)

## (3) could impact $\nu_\mu$ and $\nu_e$ differently?



(Lalakulich, Gallmeister, Mosel, 1203.2935)

# Theory Calculations In the Past Year



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- this is something that needs to get sorted out and people are working hard on this ...

- Lalakulich, Mosel, arXiv:1208.3678
- Bodek et al., arXiv:1207.1247
- Ankowski, PRC 86, 024616 (2012)
- Butkevich, arXiv:1204.3160
- Lalakulich et al., arXiv:1203.2935
- Mosel, arXiv:1204.2269, 1111.1732
- Barbaro et al., arXiv:1110.4739
- Giusti et al., arXiv:1110.4005
- Meloni et al., arXiv:1203.3335, 1110.1004
- Martini et al., arXiv:1202.4745, 1110.0221, 1110.5895, PRC 81, 045502 (2010)
- Paz, arXiv:1109.5708
- Sobczyk, arXiv:1201.3673, 1109.1081, 1201.3673
- Nieves et al., PRD 85, 113008 (2012), 1106.5374, 1110.1200, PRC 83, 045501 (2011)
- Bodek et al., arXiv:1106.0340
- Amaro, et al., arXiv:1112.2123, 1104.5446, 1012.4265, PL B696, 151 (2011)
- Antonov, et al., arXiv:1104.0125
- Benhar, et al., arXiv:1012.2032, 1103.0987, 1110.1835
- Meucci et al., arXiv:1202.4312, PRC 83, 064614 (2011)
- Ankowski et al., Phys. Rev. **C83**, 054616 (2011)
- Alvarez-Ruso, arXiv:1012.3871
- Martinez et al., Phys. Lett **B697**, 477 (2011) + ...



- >50 theoretical papers on the topic of QE  $\nu$ -nucleus scattering in the past year or so

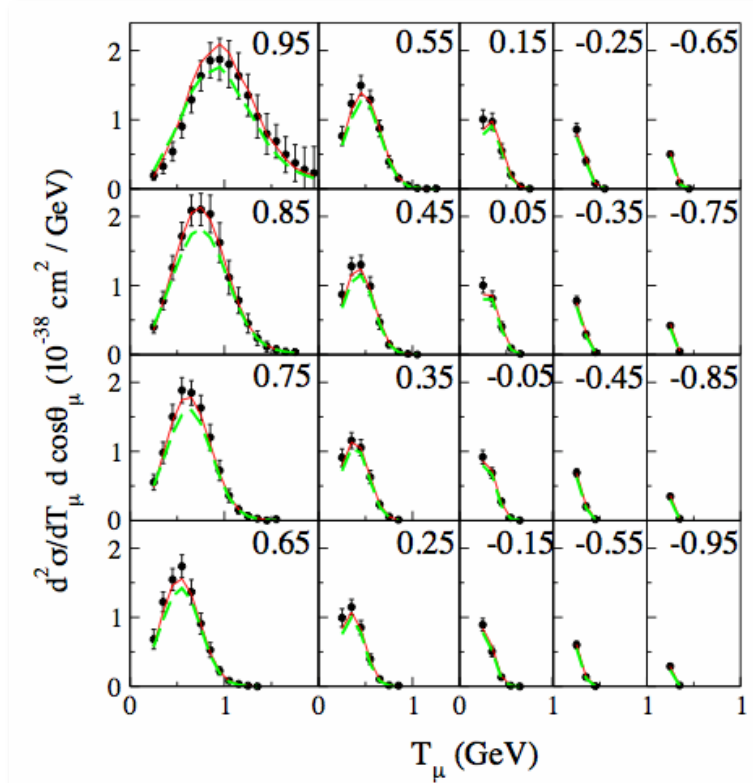
*(disclaimer: this is not a complete list!)*



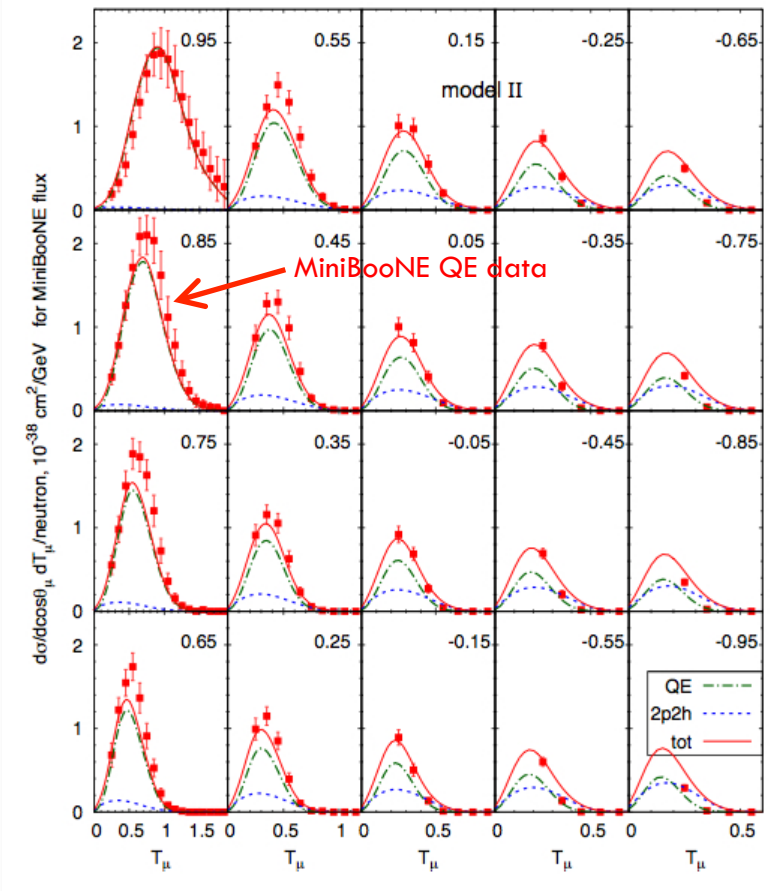
$$d^2\sigma/dT_\mu d\theta_\mu$$

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- this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time we've had this sort of information available



Nieves, Simo, Vacas, *PL B707*, 72 (2012)



Lalakulich, Gallmeister, Mosel arXiv:1203.2935

- we need measurements at other  $E_\nu$ ,  $A$ , plus hadronic side, and  $\nu_e$ 's!





# Neutrino Scattering on Nuclei

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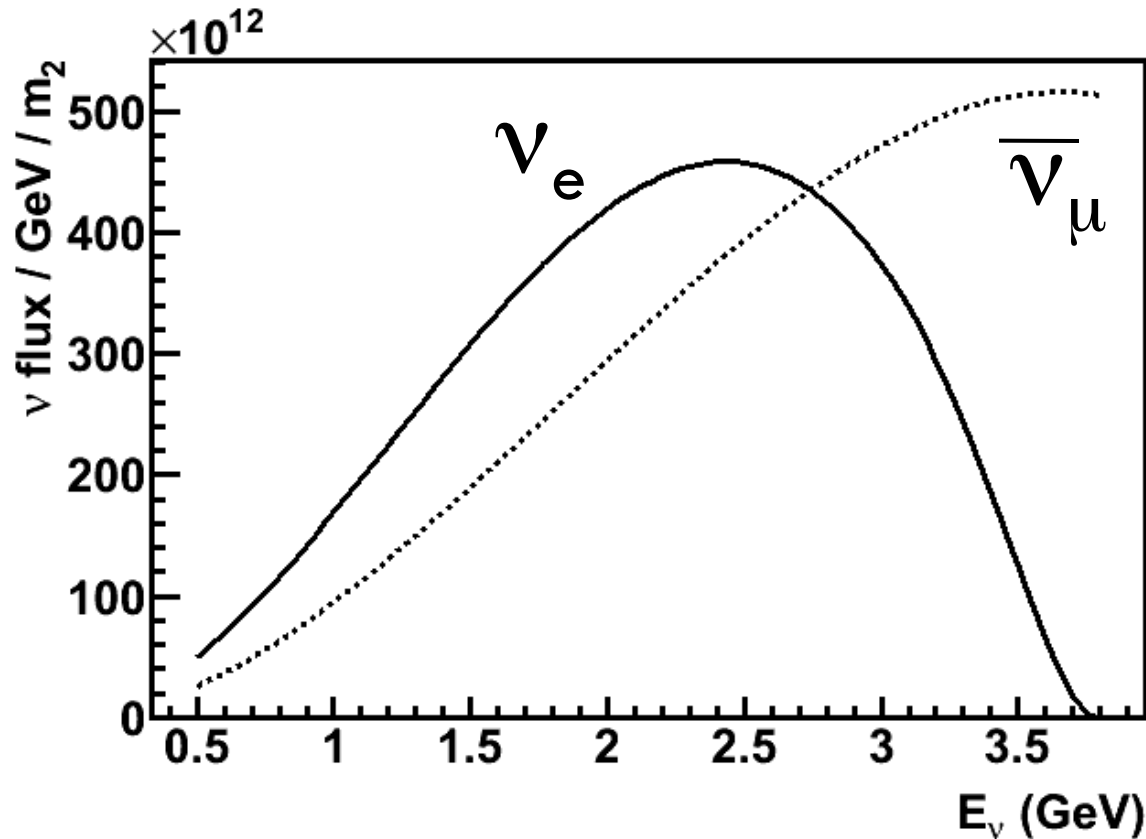
- I bring this up because this isn't just boiler plate physics
- this is why the  $\sigma_\nu$  program at MINERvA is so important  
+ LAr (*ArgoNeuT, MicroBooNE, ICARUS*) + NDs (*NOvA, T2K*)
- these  $\sigma_\nu$  measurements are being made in accelerator-based beams produced for  $\nu$  oscillation physics  $\Rightarrow$  predominantly  $\nu_\mu$  by construct
  - 1 - do not have measurements of  $\nu_e$  cross sections (*infer from  $\nu_\mu$* )
  - 2 -  $\sigma_\nu$  uncertainties limited by knowledge of incoming  $\nu$  flux  
(*uncertainties in  $\pi, K$  production in the beam are a limiting factor*)
- these are two areas where  $\nu$ STORM can play an important role





# $\nu$ STORM Neutrino Beam

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3.8 GeV  $\mu^+$  stored, 150m straight, flux at 100m  
(thanks to Chris Tunnell!)

- provides well-known beams of neutrinos & antineutrinos
- and a unique high statistics source of  $\nu_e$ 's

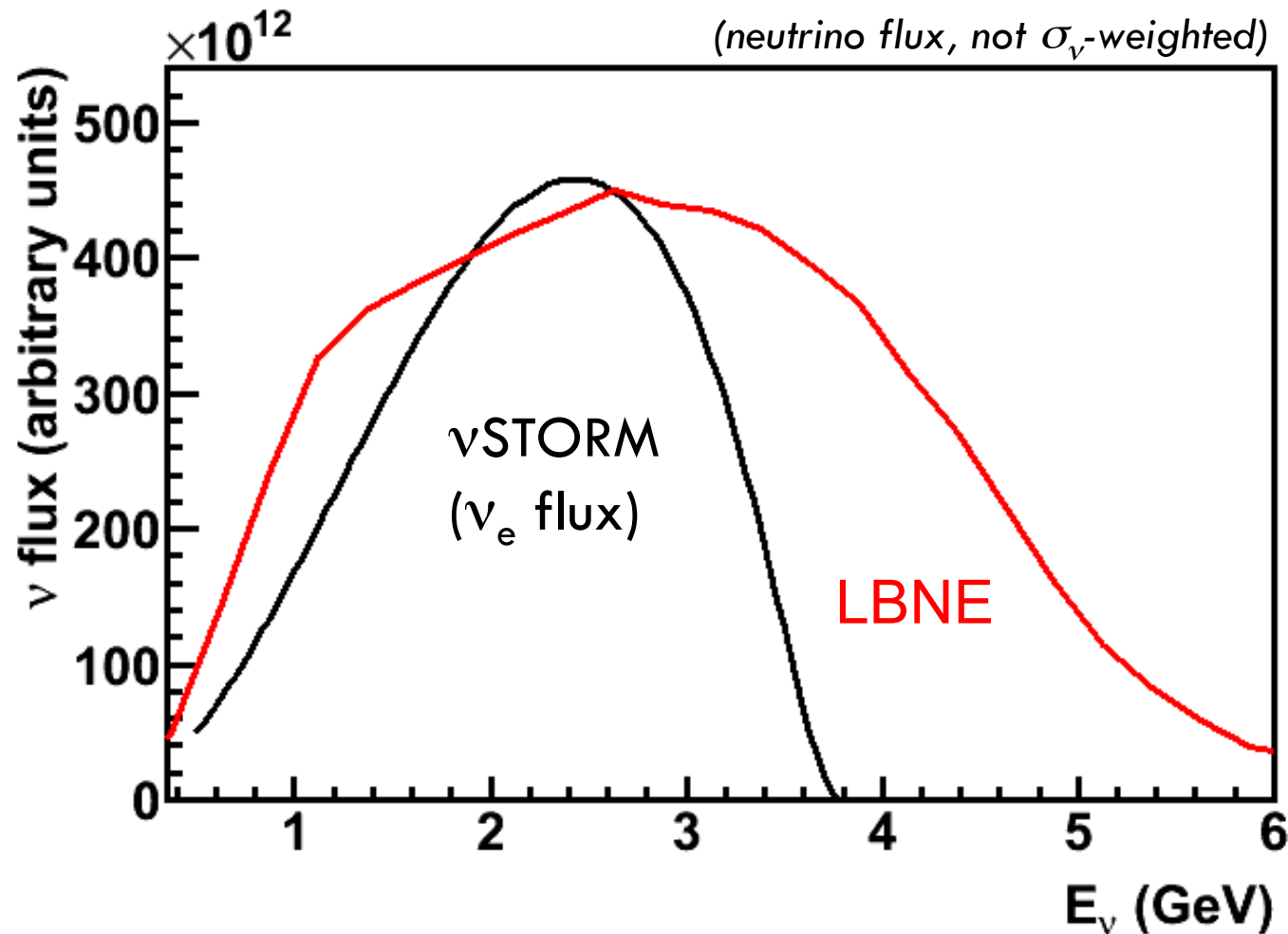
$\mu^+$		$\mu^-$	
Channel	$N_{\text{evts}}$	Channel	$N_{\text{evts}}$
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ NC	844,793	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	709,576
$\nu_e$ NC	1,387,698	$\nu_\mu$ NC	1,584,003
$\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	2,145,632	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	1,784,099
$\nu_e$ CC	3,960,421	$\nu_\mu$ CC	4,626,480

event rates per  $1E21$  POT, 100 ton  
at 50m



# Direct Comparison

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- in LBNE, care about neutrino energies from  $\sim 0.5$  to 6 GeV
- $\nu$ STORM nicely overlaps a large fraction of this region!

- $\nu$ STORM can make some important  $\nu_e$  measurements as input (also  $\nu_\mu$ )

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# What Do We Know About $\nu_e$ Cross Sections?



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- have seen that there have been some interesting results being unearthed by new investigations of  $\nu_\mu$  scattering (ex. QE), so what do we know about  $\nu_e$ 's?
- our current information on  $\nu_e$  (and  $\bar{\nu}_e$ ) cross sections comes from 3 main sources ... scattering measurements made on:
  - (1) free protons (IBD)
  - (2) deuterium
  - (3) + a few other nuclear targets (mostly carbon)
- will spend a few slides on surveying what we know about  $\nu_e$   $\sigma$ 's since this is not something we typically talk about



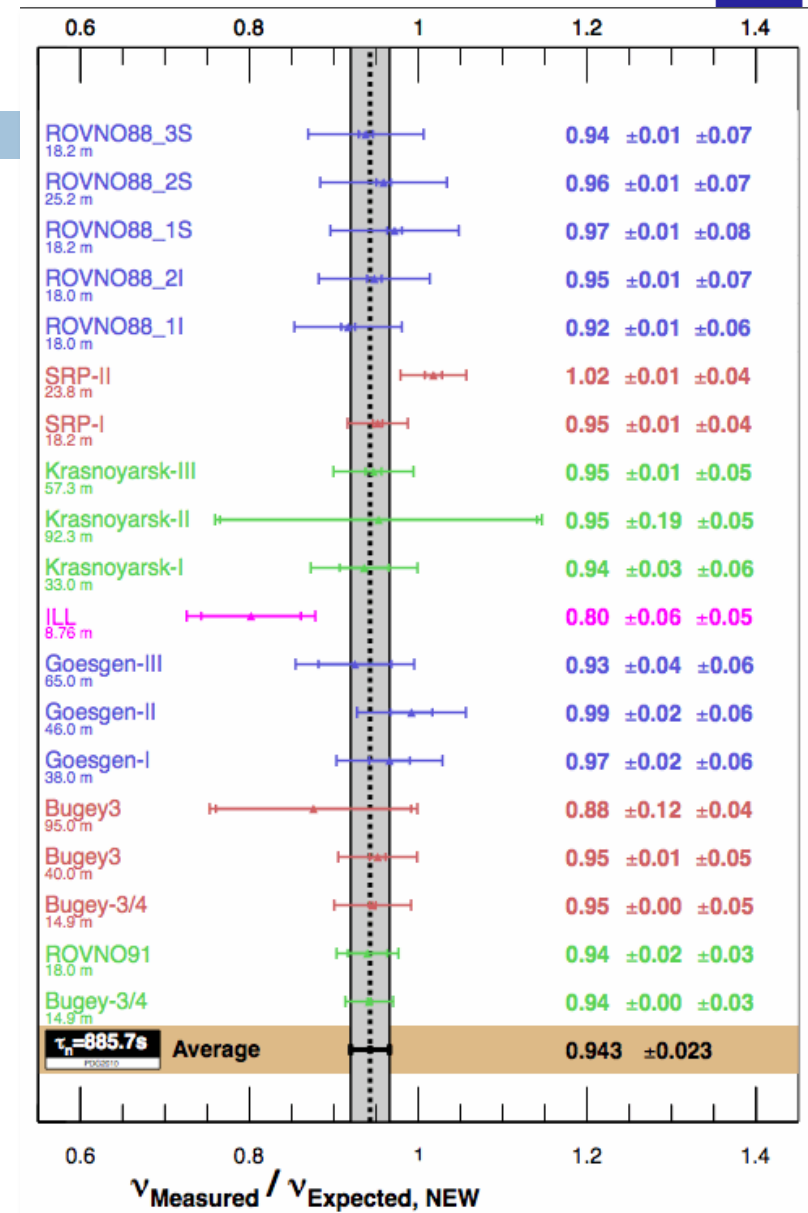
# Inverse Beta Decay

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- important reaction for detection of solar and reactor neutrinos
- IBD cross section measured in reactor experiments in mid 80's-90's  
(possible at short distances  $< 100\text{m}$  from the reactor where oscillation effects are negligible)



- consistent to within  $\sim 5\%$  of the theoretical calculations
- $\sim 10$  MeV so not really the energies we care about for LBL  $\nu$  physics
- what about more complex targets?



(Formaggio & Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 2012)



# Deuterium

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- particularly important role in solar neutrino oscillations (e.g., SNO)
- only one measurement of  $\nu_e$  cross section on deuterium  
(Willis *et al.*, PRL 44, 522 (1980), LAMPF stopped  $\mu^+$  beam)

$$\sigma(\nu_e d \rightarrow e^- p p) = (0.52 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$$

(35%  
measurement)

- several measurements of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  cross section on deuterium from reactors

Experiment	Measurement	$\sigma_{\text{fission}}$ ( $10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2/\text{fission}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{exp}}/\sigma_{\text{theory}}$
Savannah River (Pasierb <i>et al.</i> , 1979)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$1.5 \pm 0.4$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$
ROVNO (Vershinsky <i>et al.</i> , 1991)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$1.17 \pm 0.16$	$1.08 \pm 0.19$
Krasnoyarsk (Kozlov <i>et al.</i> , 2000)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$1.05 \pm 0.12$	$0.98 \pm 0.18$
Bugey (Riley <i>et al.</i> , 1999)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$0.95 \pm 0.20$	$0.97 \pm 0.20$
Savannah River (Pasierb <i>et al.</i> , 1979)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	$3.8 \pm 0.9$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$
ROVNO (Vershinsky <i>et al.</i> , 1991)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	$2.71 \pm 0.47$	$0.92 \pm 0.18$
Krasnoyarsk (Kozlov <i>et al.</i> , 2000)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	$3.09 \pm 0.30$	$0.95 \pm 0.33$
Bugey (Riley <i>et al.</i> , 1999)	$\bar{\nu}_e$ NC	$3.15 \pm 0.40$	$1.01 \pm 0.13$

(~20%  
measurements)

- again,  
all at very  
low  $E_\nu$

(Formaggio & Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 2012)



# Other Nuclear Targets

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- $\nu_e$  measurements from stopped  $\pi/\mu$  ( $< 50$  MeV) and radiological sources
- flux-averaged cross section measurements

Isotope	Reaction Channel	Source	Experiment	Measurement ( $10^{-42}$ cm $^2$ )	Theory ( $10^{-42}$ cm $^2$ )
$^2\text{H}$	$^2\text{H}(\nu_e, e^-)\text{pp}$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	LAMPF	$52 \pm 18(\text{tot})$	54 (IA) (Tatara <i>et al.</i> , 1990)
$^{12}\text{C}$	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_e, e^-)^{12}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	KARMEN	$9.1 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.8(\text{sys})$	9.4 [Multipole](Donnelly and Peccei, 1979)
		Stopped $\pi/\mu$	E225	$10.5 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 1.0(\text{sys})$	9.2 [EPT] (Fukugita <i>et al.</i> , 1988).
		Stopped $\pi/\mu$	LSND	$8.9 \pm 0.3(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{sys})$	8.9 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_e, e^-)^{12}\text{N}^*$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	KARMEN	$5.1 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys})$	5.4-5.6 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
		Stopped $\pi/\mu$	E225	$3.6 \pm 2.0(\text{tot})$	4.1 [Shell] (Hayes and S, 2000)
		Stopped $\pi/\mu$	LSND	$4.3 \pm 0.4(\text{stat}) \pm 0.6(\text{sys})$	
	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_\mu, \nu_\mu)^{12}\text{C}^*$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	KARMEN	$3.2 \pm 0.5(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{sys})$	2.8 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu, \nu)^{12}\text{C}^*$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	KARMEN	$10.5 \pm 1.0(\text{stat}) \pm 0.9(\text{sys})$	10.5 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_\mu, \mu^-)\text{X}$	Decay in Flight	LSND	$1060 \pm 30(\text{stat}) \pm 180(\text{sys})$	1750-1780 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
					1380 [Shell] (Hayes and S, 2000)
					1115 [Green's Function] (Meucci <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
	$^{12}\text{C}(\nu_\mu, \mu^-)^{12}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$	Decay in Flight	LSND	$56 \pm 8(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{sys})$	68-73 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)
					56 [Shell] (Hayes and S, 2000)
$^{56}\text{Fe}$	$^{56}\text{Fe}(\nu_e, e^-)^{56}\text{Co}$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	KARMEN	$256 \pm 108(\text{stat}) \pm 43(\text{sys})$	264 [Shell] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999a)
$^{71}\text{Ga}$	$^{71}\text{Ga}(\nu_e, e^-)^{71}\text{Ge}$	$^{51}\text{Cr}$ source	GALLEX, ave.	$0.0054 \pm 0.0009(\text{tot})$	0.0058 [Shell] (Haxton, 1998)
		$^{51}\text{Cr}$	SAGE	$0.0055 \pm 0.0007(\text{tot})$	
		$^{37}\text{Ar}$ source	SAGE	$0.0055 \pm 0.0006(\text{tot})$	0.0070 [Shell] (Bahcall, 1997)
$^{127}\text{I}$	$^{127}\text{I}(\nu_e, e^-)^{127}\text{Xe}$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	LSND	$284 \pm 91(\text{stat}) \pm 25(\text{sys})$	210-310 [Quasi-particle] (Engel <i>et al.</i> , 1994)

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~700 keV

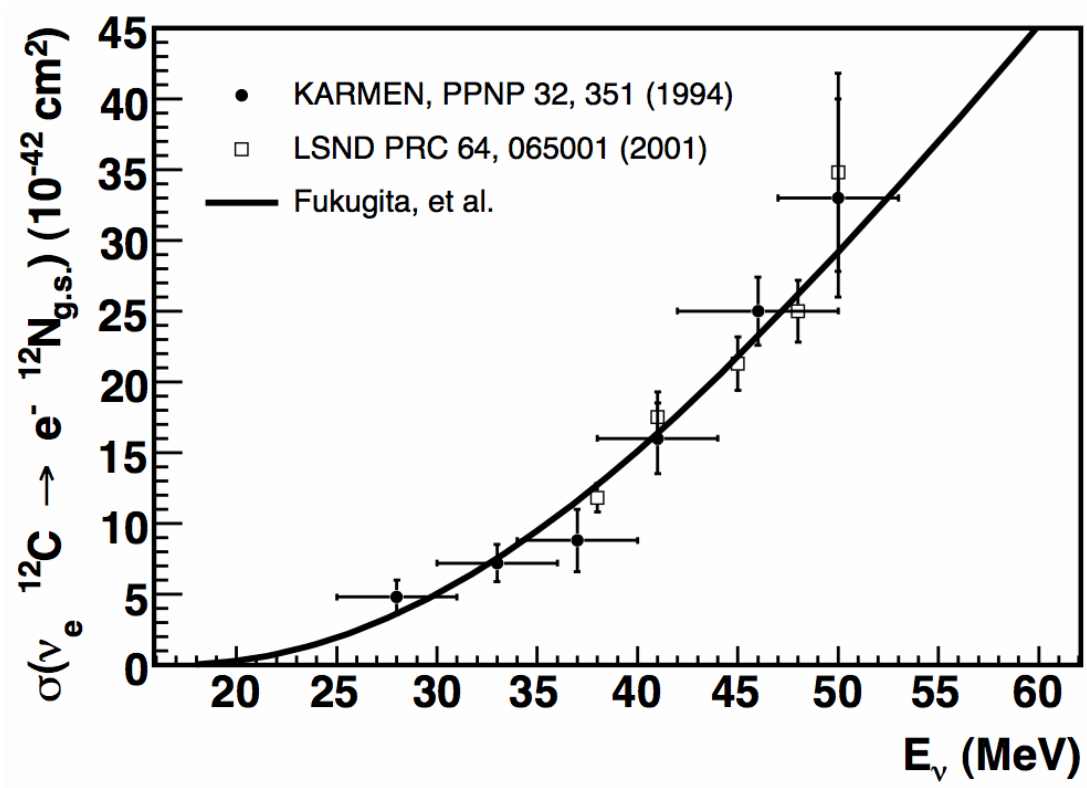
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# Carbon

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- only existing check of  $E_\nu$ -dependence of  $\nu_e$  cross section: KARMEN and LSND measured ground state transition from  $\mu$  DAR neutrinos



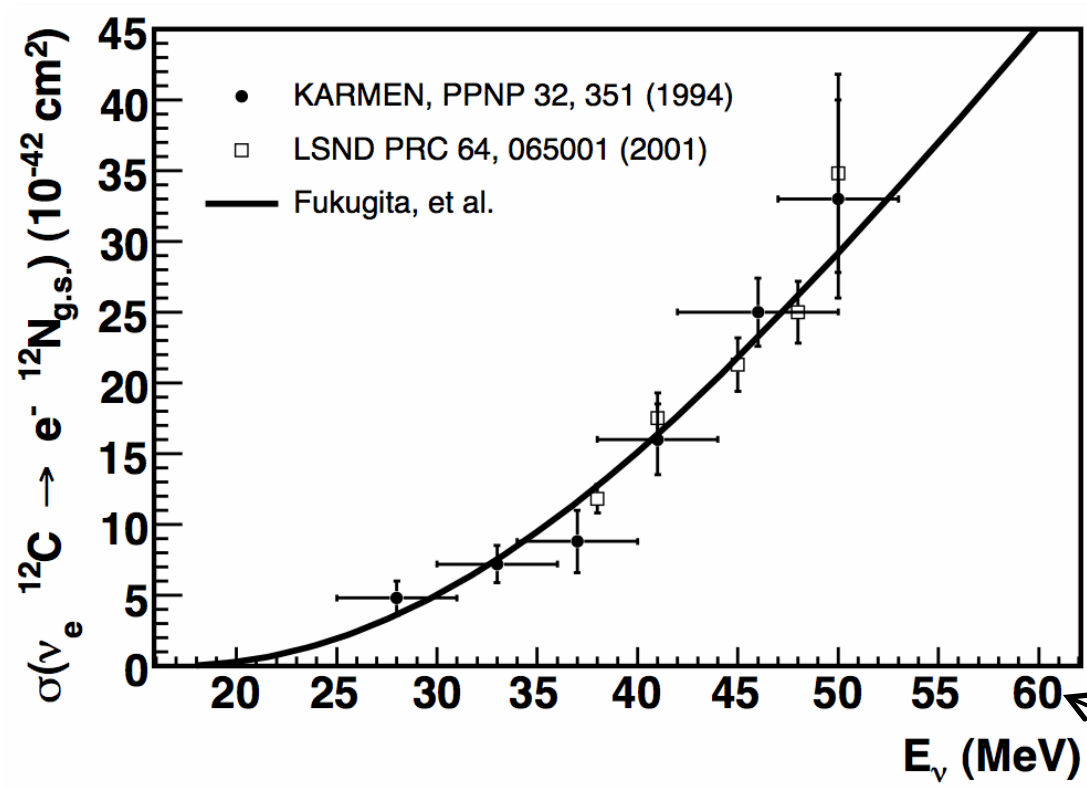
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(Formaggio & Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 2012)



- there are not many  $\nu_e$   $\sigma$  measurements
- ones that exist are all below  $\sim 50$  MeV
- the bulk of measurements are flux-averaged
- would really like to have this type of spectral info





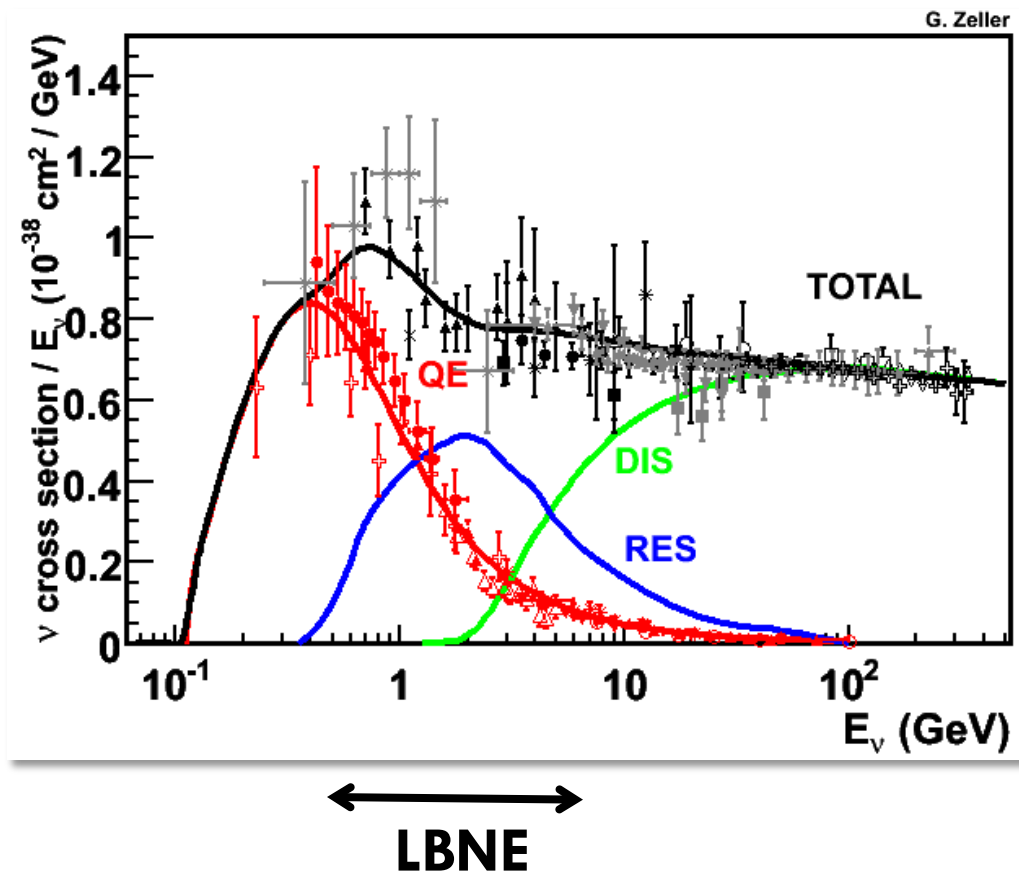
# Moving Forward

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Wish list

one would really like:

- (1) a check of  $\nu_e \sigma$  at higher energies  $\sim 1$  GeV
- (2) precise knowledge of  $E_\nu$  dependence of  $\nu_e \sigma$ ; in particular, need to model multiple contributions to accurately predict energy spectrum of a  $\nu_e$  oscillation sample for LBL physics





# $\nu_e$ Event Fractions in $\nu$ STORM

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- sources of  $\nu_e$  events produced by  $\nu$ STORM 3.8 GeV  $\mu^+$  beam

production mode	# fraction of total (%)
QE ( $\nu_e n \rightarrow e^- p$ )	23.3
NC elastic ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow \nu_e N$ )	10.0
CC resonant $\pi^+$ ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow e^- N \pi^+$ )	25.5
CC resonant $\pi^0$ ( $\nu_e n \rightarrow e^- p \pi^0$ )	5.6
NC resonant $\pi^0$ ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow \nu_e N \pi^0$ )	6.4
NC resonant $\pi^\pm$ ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow \nu_e N \pi^\pm$ )	4.5
CC DIS ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow e^- X, W > 2$ )	8.3
NC DIS ( $\nu_e N \rightarrow e^- X, W > 2$ )	2.7
other CC	9.9
other NC	3.8
total CC	72.7
total NC	27.3

*similar to reactions  
of interest in LBNE  
oscillation region*

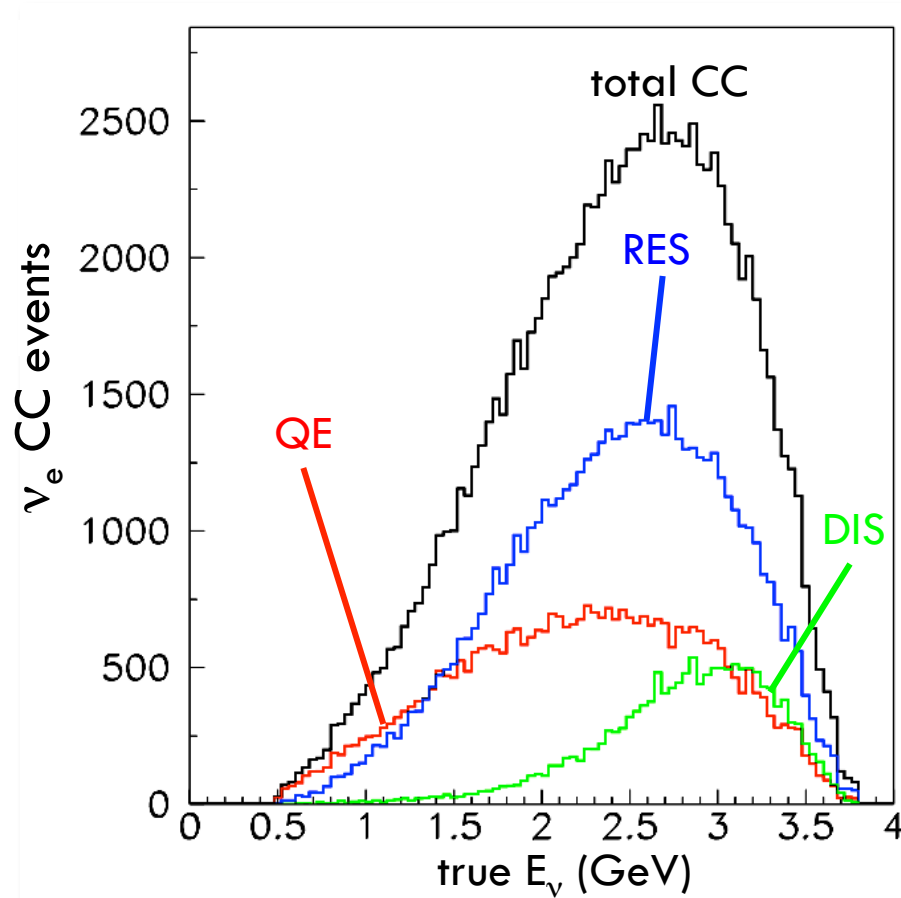
Table 1: NUANCE-predicted  $\nu_e$  event rate fractions for a 3.8 GeV  $\mu^+$  beam, 100m from the source. Processes are defined at the initial neutrino interaction vertex and do not include final state effects. These estimates have been integrated over the  $\nu$ STORM flux spectrum and do not include detector efficiency or acceptance corrections.



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## out of the CC modes:

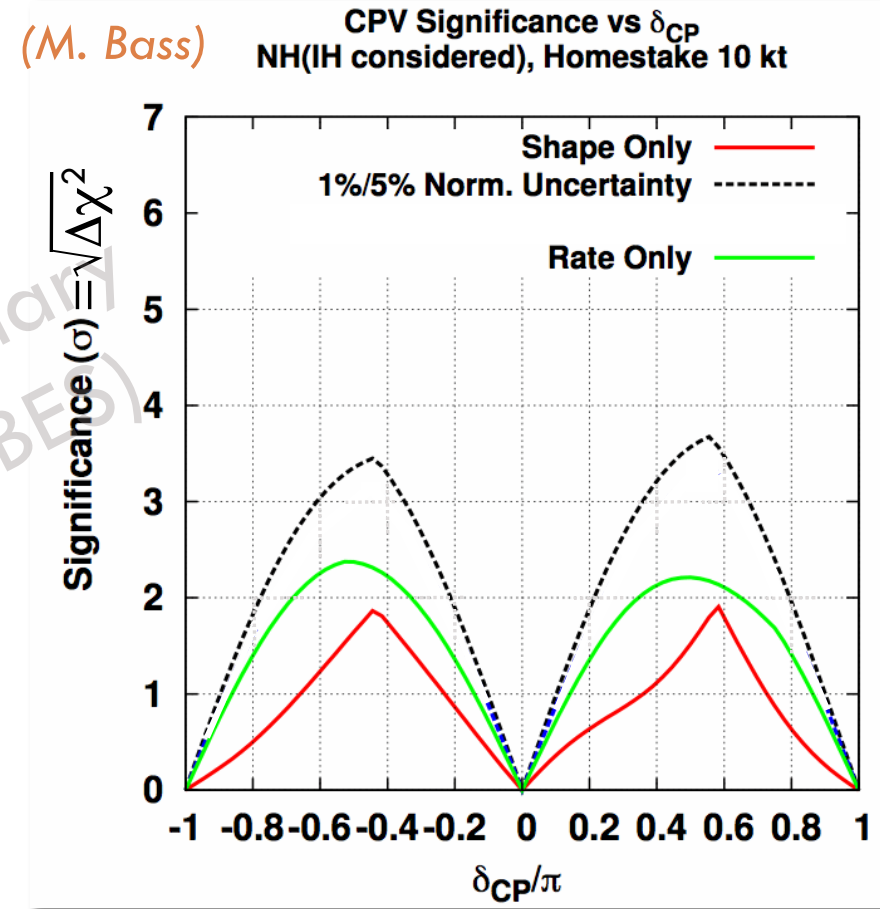
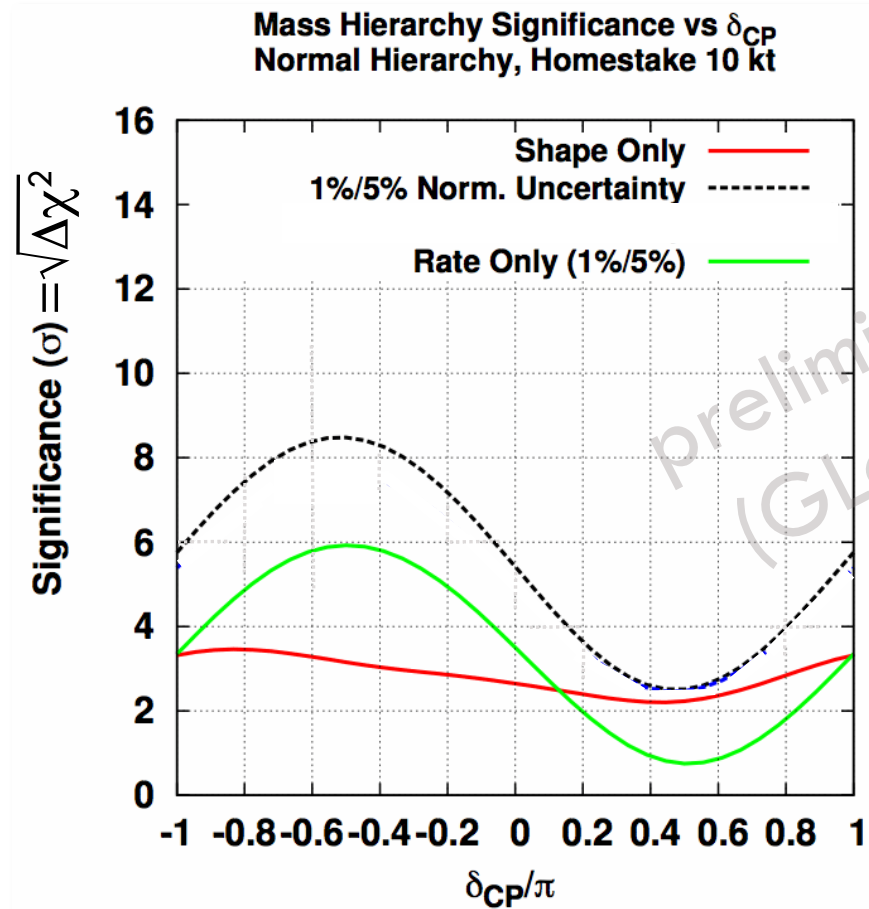
- \* 56% resonant
  - \* 32% QE
  - \* 12% DIS
- each of these processes have different models, different final states, different  $E_\nu$ -dep
  - how important is this?

( $\overline{\nu}_\mu$  sample: 52% resonant, 40% QE, 8% DIS)

# How Much Do We Rely on Spectral Info?



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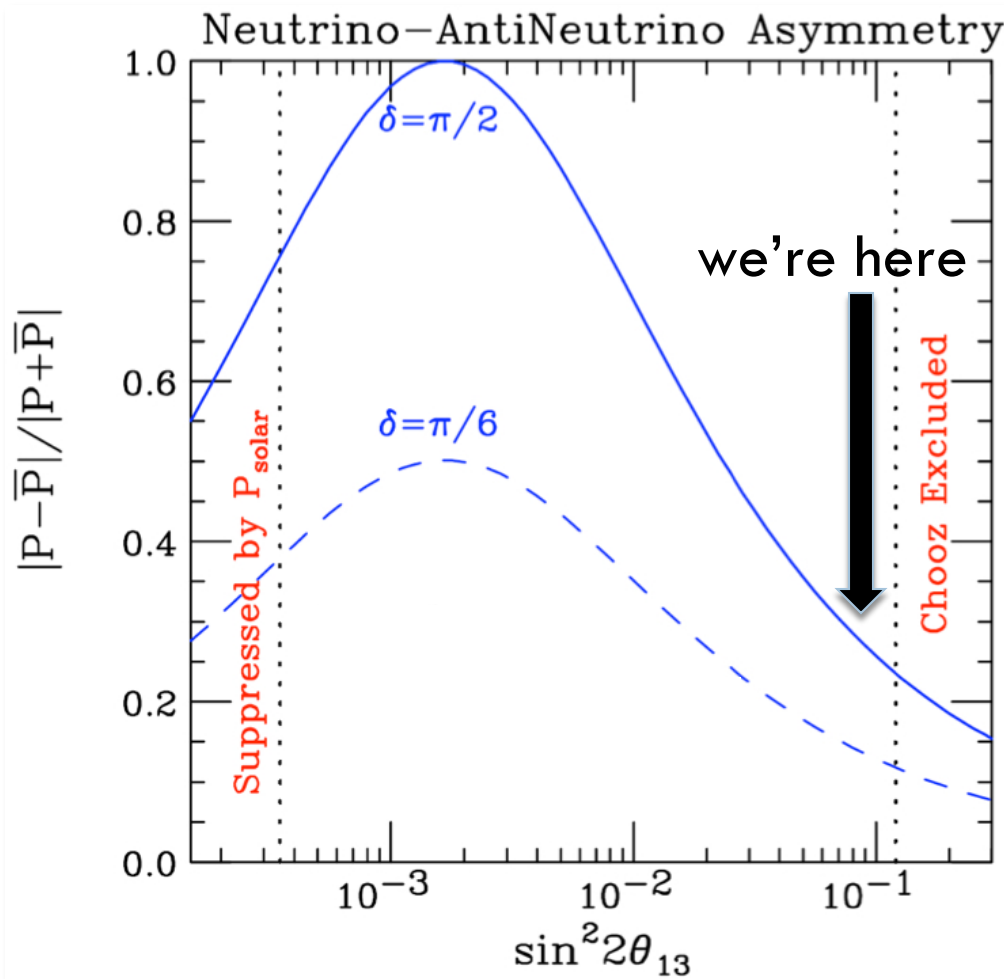


- these are not just counting experiments anymore, will increasingly rely on how well we know event spectra  $\Rightarrow \sigma(E_\nu)$  from 0.5-6 GeV



# Also Need to Know $\bar{\nu}_e$

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(not including matter effects & backgrounds)

(S. Parke)

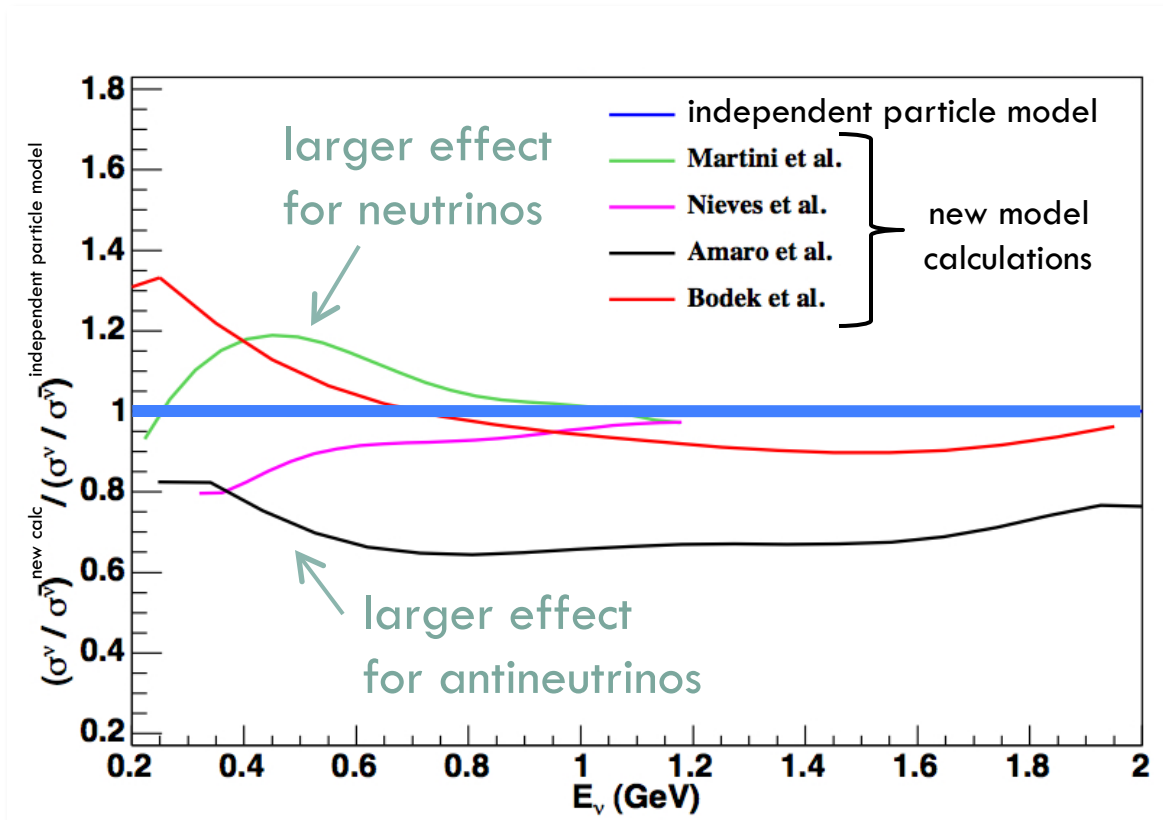
- large  $\theta_{13}$  means we can expect large signals
- but it also means that the asymmetry we're trying to detect is very small  
(asymmetry  $\sim 1/\sin\theta_{13}$ )
- large  $\theta_{13}$  isn't making our life any easier
- $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sim 0.1$  means we will be trying to detect a  $\nu_e - \bar{\nu}_e$  difference on the order of  $\sim 20\%$  or less (depending on  $\delta$ )



# Antineutrino/Neutrino QE Ratio

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- current models give different predictions for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu/\nu_\mu$  QE scattering  
(for ex., for LBNE we assume we will know this ratio to  $\sim 1\%$ )



- the situation is unclear and will need to get resolved ...
- certainly, better data on  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  will be important for future  $\overline{\text{CP}}$  measurements

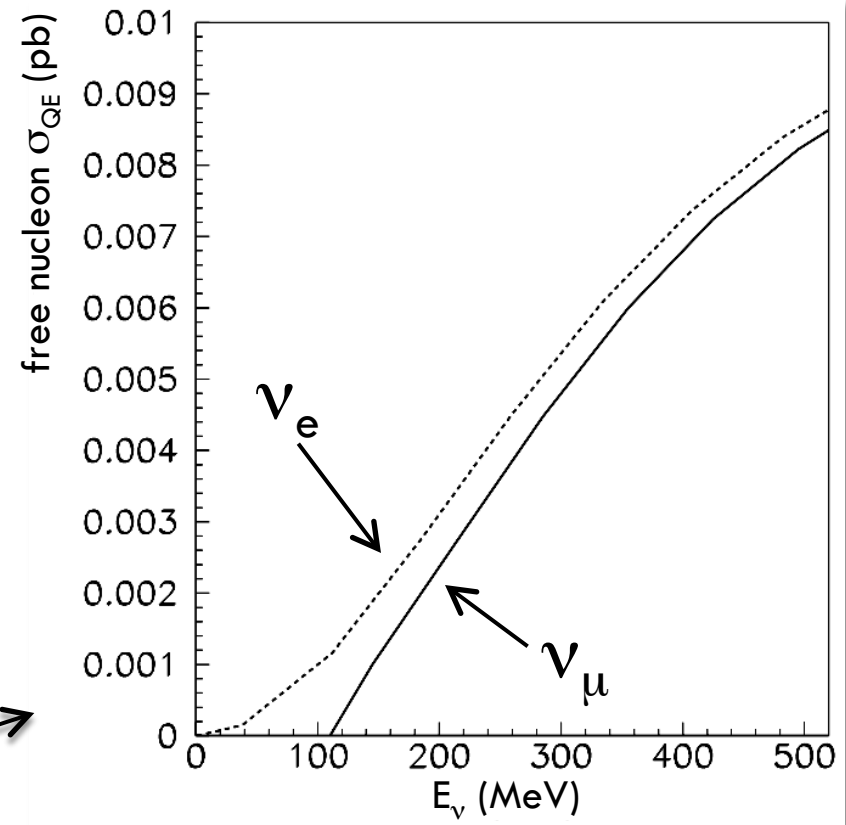
(J. Grange)



# $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ Cross Sections

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- $\sigma(E_\nu)$ ,  $\sigma$ 's for various contributing reactions, and  $\bar{\nu}/\nu$  can all of course be constrained with  $\nu_\mu$  measurements (e.g., MB, MINERvA,  $\mu$ B, etc.)
- weak interaction is flavor universal to infer  $\nu_e$  from  $\nu_\mu$
- given dearth of  $\nu_e$  measurements, how robust is our knowledge of  $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$  ratio? this is something we rely on simulations for ...
- step 1: take into account effect of kinematic limits ( $m_{\text{lepton}}$ )



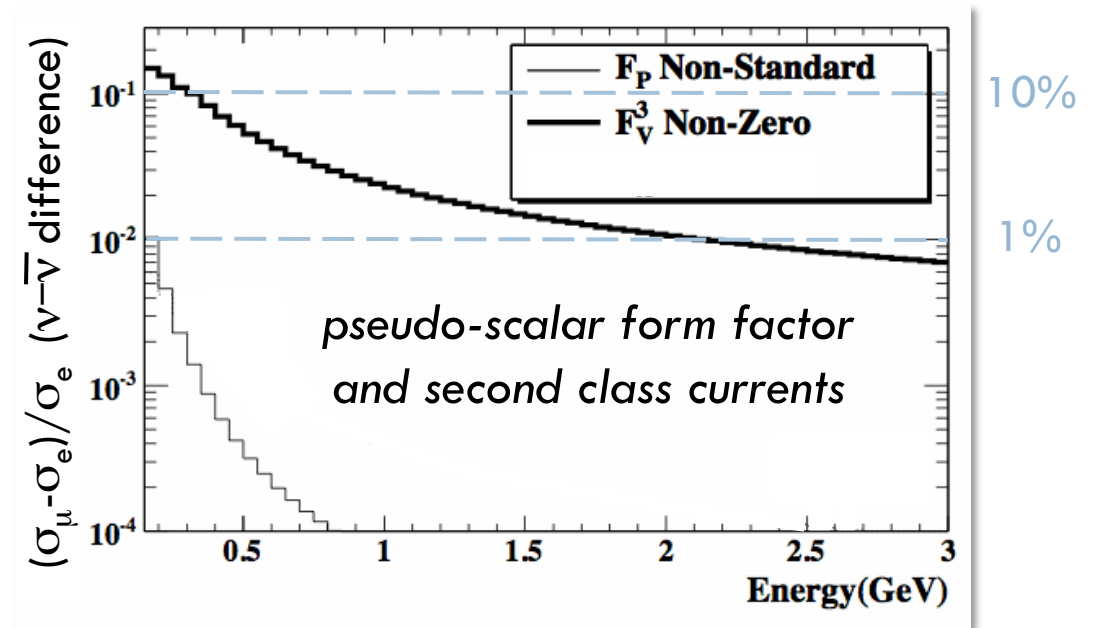


# $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$ Cross Sections

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(M. Day, K. McFarland, *arXiv:1206.6745*)



effect of the FFs on  $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$  can be  
different for neutrinos & antineutrinos



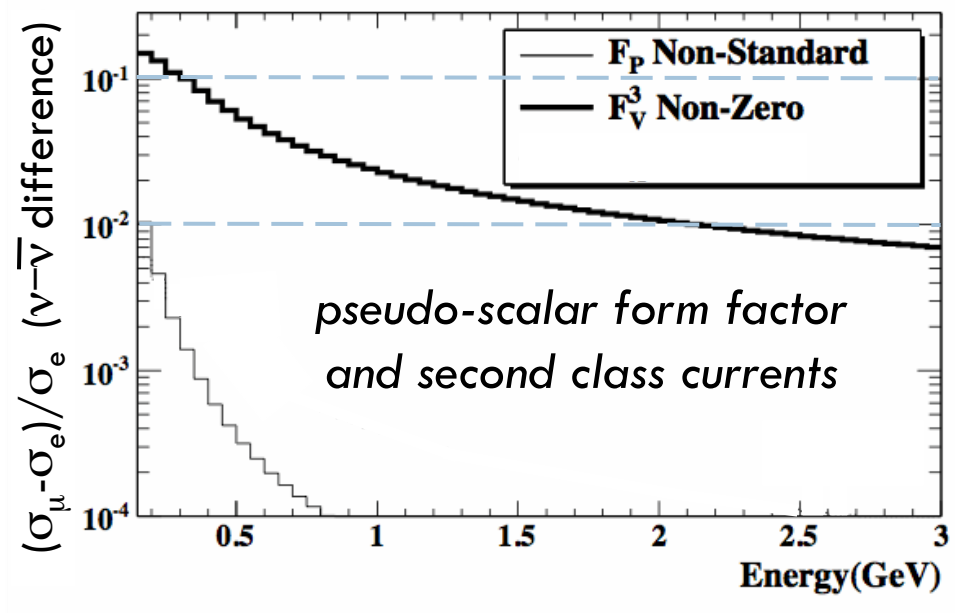
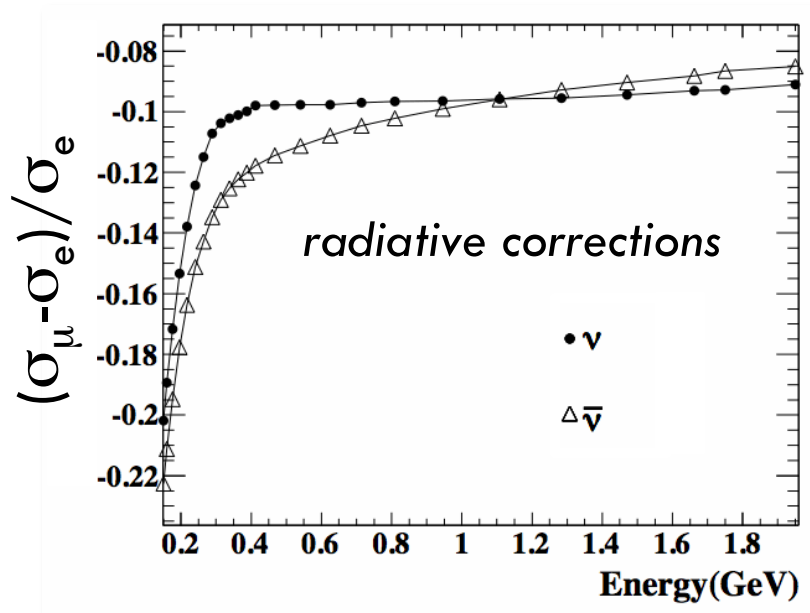


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10%

1%

- would be nice to have a high stats sample of  $\nu_e$  to actually test this (*i.e., that our procedure for extrapolating from  $\nu_\mu$  to  $\nu_e$  is robust*)

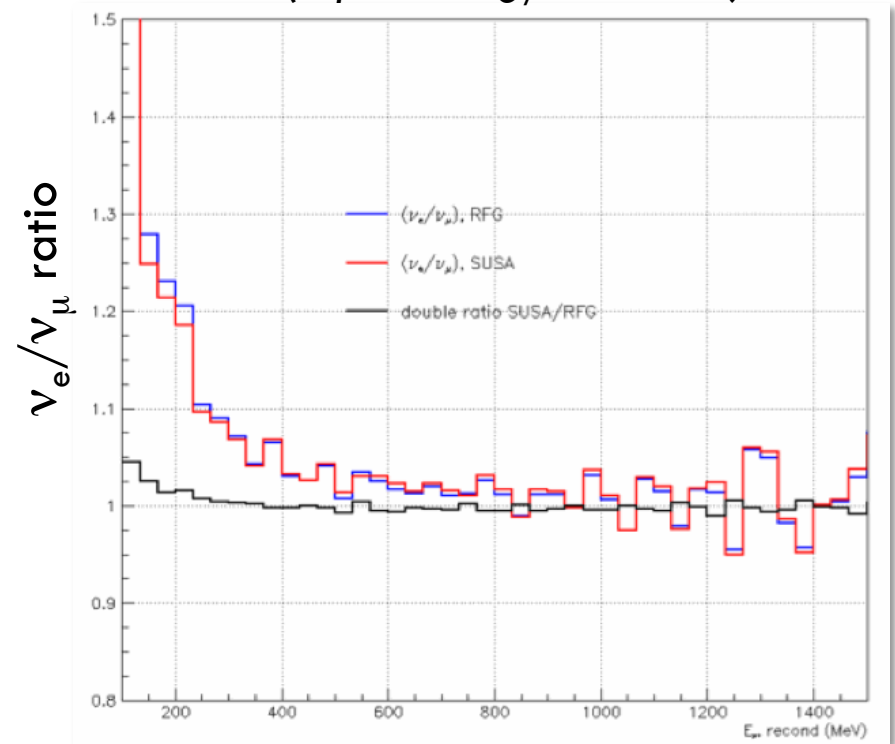
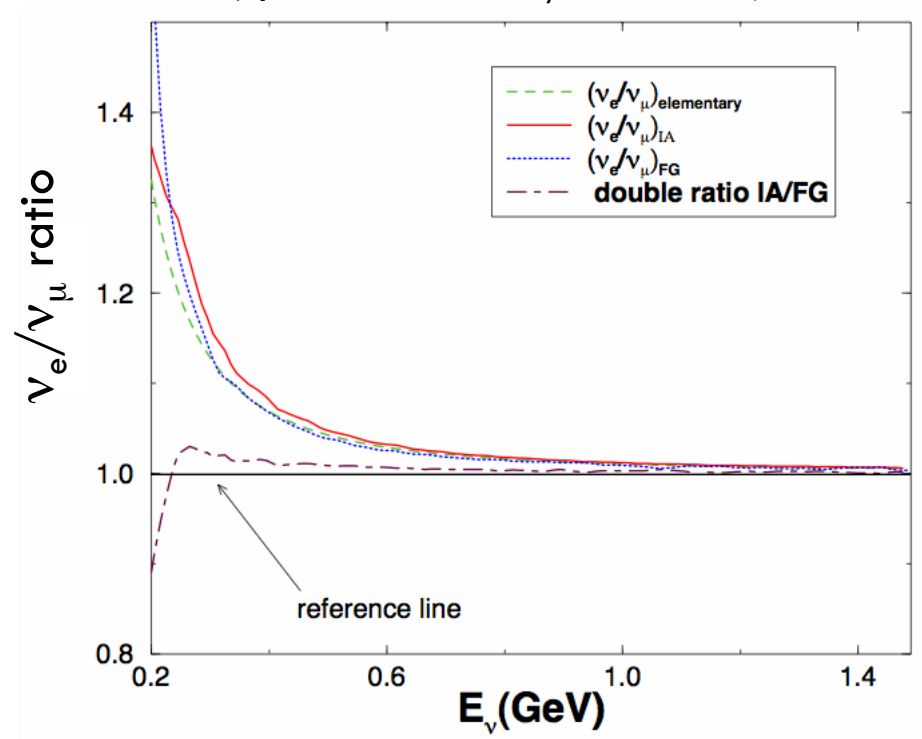


# Nuclear Effects

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(spectral function/Fermi Gas)

(superscaling/Fermi Gas)



- for standard calcs, up to 5% differences on  $\nu_e/\nu_\mu$  ratio  $< 200$  MeV
- more recent worry: could nuclear effects that we are not presently modeling (e.g., multi-nucleon states) be dramatically different for  $\nu_e$  vs.  $\nu_\mu$ ?



# Conclusions

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- **a possible  $\sigma_\nu$  program with  $\nu$ STORM presents a unique opportunity**
  - can uniquely measure  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  (and  $\bar{\nu}$ ) rates in a single experiment  
only way to get large samples of  $\nu_e$  interactions  $\rightarrow$  important calibration source!
  - provides a known beam flux and flavor composition  
very powerful cross-check of existing  $\sigma_\nu$  knowledge
- **covers a similar energy range as LBNE**
  - would be the 1<sup>st</sup>  $\nu_e$   $\sigma$  measurements in this region
  - existing  $\nu_e$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_e$   $\sigma$  measurements are limited,  
all at DAR and reactor energies ( $< 50$  MeV)
- would be prudent to have a cross-check on our assumptions about  $\nu_e$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_e$  cross sections as we embark on rather ambitious programs to measure MH and  $\overline{\text{CP}}$  with long-baseline neutrinos

